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(54) IDENTIFICATION TAG

(71) We, J.F. KENURE LIMITED, a British Company of Central Way, Feltham, Middlesex, do hereby declare the invention for which we pray that a Patent may be granted to us and the method by which it is to be performed to be particularly described in and by the following statement:-

The present invention relates to an identification tag e.g. for luggage or the like.

A primary object of the invention is to provide means to safeguard to a substantial extent against accidental release of the tag from the article to which it has been applied.

According to the present invention there is provided an identification tag comprising first and second body portions foldably joined to each other, an elongated foldable member joined to one body portion and extending away from both body portions, releasable fastening means to enable the elongate foldable member when folded into a loop, by which the tag may be attached to an article, to be releasably maintained as a loop, and shielding means to shield the fastening means against accidental release, the first and second body portions being foldable to form a U-shape and detachably interconnected to define therebetween a label-receiving pocket in which a label may be disposed so as to be visible when the two body portions are so folded and detachably interconnected.

Preferably the tag is a one piece moulding of thermoplastics material. The said fastening means may comprise a slot or stud at the free end of the elongated foldable member and a corresponding stud or slot releasably engageable therewith at the other end of the elongated foldable member or at a region of the said body portion to which the elongated foldable member is attached. The slot and stud may, for example, both be T-shaped.

Expediently the shielding means may comprise a recessed part in one or both of the said body portions which is adapted, when

the two body portions are folded and detachably interconnected, to constitute a protective frame around the releasable fastening means in its fastened state so as to limit access to the fastening means.

Preferably the first and second body portions are upon folding to form a U-shape detachably interconnected in a force-fit or snap-fit manner.

By way of example a preferred embodiment of the invention will be described with reference to the drawings accompanying the Provisional specification, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of an identification tag in its flat unassembled state, and

Figure 2 is a perspective view on an enlarged scale of the identification tag of Figure 1.

The identification tag shown in its flat or non-folded state is a one piece moulding having an elongated foldable member 1 having a T-shaped stud 6 which in use is looped around the handle of a case or the like, the stud being secured through a T-slot 7. A body portion 3 serving as a lid is fixed to a body portion 2 serving as a base. The two body portions are fixed to each other by an integral resilient hinge 4. The body portion 3 is folded over about the hinge 4 in the direction of the curved arrow through substantially 180° to form a U-shape, the dotted line in Figure 1 indicating the position taken up by body portion 3 after folding into the U-shape. In use an identifying label is interposed between body portions 2 and 3 when the identification tag is in its folded state, the body portion 2 serving as a base for the label and body portion 3 serving as a lid for the label. A cut-out part 5 seats securely over the T-slot 7 thus shielding the stud 6 so as to prevent or militate against accidental dislodgement of the stud 6 from the slot 7 when fixed therein. The body portion 3 is provided around three of its upstanding sides with a lip 8 which snaps the three edges 9 of the base

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portion 2 into releasable connection therewith.

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:-

- 5 1. An identification tag comprising first and second body portions foldably joined to each other, an elongated foldable member joined to one body portion and extending away from both portions, releasable fastening means to enable the elongated foldable member when folded into a loop, by which the tag may be attached to an article, to be releasably maintained as a loop, and shielding means to shield the fastening means against accidental release, the first and second body portions being foldable to form a U-shape and detachably interconnectable to define therebetween a label-receiving pocket in which a label may be disposed so as to be visible when the two body portions are so folded and detachably interconnected.
- 10 2. An identification tag according to Claim 1, which is a one piece moulding of thermoplastics material.
- 15 3. An identification tag according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the fastening means comprises a stud at the free end of the elongated foldable member and a slot to be releasably engaged by the stud at the other end of the elongated foldable member or at a region of the body portion to which the elongated foldable member is joined.
- 20 4. An identification tag according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the fastening means comprises a slot at the free end of the elongated foldable member and a stud for releasable engagement with the slot at the other end of the elongated foldable member or at a region of the body portion to which
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the elongated foldable member is joined.

5. An identification tag according to Claim 3 or Claim 4, wherein the slot and stud are both T-shaped.

6. An identification tag according to any preceding claim, wherein the shielding means comprise a recessed part in one or both of the said body portions which is adapted, when the body portions are folded and detachably interconnected, to constitute a protective frame around the releasable fastening means in its fastened state so as to limit access to the fastening means so fastened.

7. An identification tag according to any preceding claim, wherein the first and second body portions become detachably interconnected in a force-fit or snap fit manner upon folding to form a U-shape.

8. An identification tag according to any preceding claim, wherein the first body portion serves as a base for an identifying label and is joined to the elongated foldable member and the second body portion serves as a lid for the label adapted to be retained between the first and second body portions.

9. An identification tag according to Claim 8, wherein the shielding means comprise a recessed part in the free end of the second body portion.

10. An identification tag substantially as herein described with reference to and as shown in the drawings accompanying the Provisional specification.

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